



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

The Boots Company plc
% Eric Potter Clarkson
Park View House
58 The Ropewalk
NOTTINGHAM
NG1 5DD

**The Patent Office
Patents Directorate**

Concept House
Cardiff Road, Newport
South Wales NP10 8QQ

Examiner: 01633 814828
E-mail: mike.henderson@patent.gov.uk
Switchboard: 01633 814000
Fax: 01633 814444
Minicom: 08459 222250
DX 722540/41 Cleppa Park 3
<http://www.patent.gov.uk>

Your Reference: BOOC/P26365GB
Application No: GB 0208730.2

16 August 2002

Dear Sirs

Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(5)

I enclose two copies of my search report and two copies of the citations.

Publication

I estimate that, provided you have met all formal requirements, preparations for publication of your application will be completed soon after **9 September 2003**. You will then receive a letter informing you of completion and telling you the publication number and date of publication.

Amendment/withdrawal

If you wish to file amended claims for inclusion with the published application, or to withdraw the application to prevent publication, you must do so before the preparations for publication are completed. **No reminder will be issued.** If you write to the Office less than 3 weeks before the above completion date, please mark your letter prominently: **"URGENT - PUBLICATION IMMINENT"**.

Yours faithfully

Mike Henderson
Examiner

[†]Use of E-mail: Please note that e-mail should be used for correspondence only.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Application No: GB 0208730.2
Claims searched: 1 to 18

Examiner: Mike Henderson
Date of search: 15 August 2002

Patents Act 1977 Search Report under Section 17

Databases searched:

UK Patent Office collections, including GB, EP, WO & US patent specifications, in:

UK Cl (Ed.T): B8P (PE2B PK5 PK10)

Int Cl (Ed.7): A61J 1/03 B65D 1/32 1/40 25/28 75/36

Other: ONLINE:WPI,EPODOC,JAPIO,TXTUS0,TXTUS1,TXTUS2,TXTUS3,TXTEP1,
TXTGB1,TXTWO1

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
X	GB 1251432 (MONSANTO CO) (Whole disclosure relevant)	1 to 4,9 & 13 to 16
X	GB 1208720 (ORTHO PHARMACEUTICAL CO) (Fig 6 most relevant)	1 to 4,9 & 13 to 16
X	EP 1138611A1 (HVB INNOVA AG) (Figs 2, 5 & 6 and corresponding description most relevant)	1 to 5 & 14 to 16
A	FR 1144330 (GATTINI) (Figs 1 to 6 most relevant)	

X Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step
Y Document indicating lack of inventive step if combined with one or more other documents of same category.
& Member of the same patent family

A Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
P Document published on or after the declared priority date but before the filing date of this invention.
E Patent document published on or after, but with priority date earlier than, the filing date of this application.